

I suppose the humor of a great national church conference is as much a matter of public record and debate as the less august proceedings of a convention of politicians. At least it was reported by the Associated Press that the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist church adjourned in San Francisco this week with a bit of excitement over a proposal to repeal the no-smoking rule for preachers.

Arguing for repeal the Rev. Dr. John M. Versteeg of Athens, Ohio, said:

"Did you ever hear of a man coming home and beating his wife and children because he had too much smoke inside him?"

But the liberals were voted down, and the no-smoking rule still stands. As the Rev. Dr. Cyrus Albertson of Seattle phrased the majority's position:

"It's not so much tobacco use as the impression ministerial candidates will get that somehow the Methodist church has pulled down its standards."

This was the considered opinion of the 1952 conference, and yet only in recent times has it become the fashion to consider that smoking was unseemly for men of the cloth. For it is a fashion—a fashion that was decidedly out of style back in the old circuit-riding days, and even as late as the 1920's. Sometime before 1920 the Northern Methodists held their quadrennial general conference in my old home town, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and we had as guests in my father's house a couple of bishops and several ministers. I never saw so many cigars and pipes.

One of our guests was a very famous Methodist, John Alfred Faulkner, the church's historian. He was professor of church history at Drew, and after this particular conference I speak of he became in 1923, Stone lecturer at Princeton Theological Seminary. He made an impression on this high school boy as a man of great and liberal learning, which was reinforced by a gift—an autographed copy of his history of Methodism, which I still have.

It was some years after this particular conference, as I recall, that the church adopted its no-smoking rule—and it was the cause of much compromise and embarrassment. For instance, it was decided that ministers already ordained and accustomed to smoking might continue in the habit—but it was forbidden to ministerial candidates not yet accepted by the church. This, of course, made it not a matter of sin but of merely being born too late.

And then of course there is the sad case of a minister going fishing with his closest men friends and, when a safe distance from civilization, surreptitiously producing pipe and tobacco. Fortunately, men's loyalty to each other is greater than their respect for a majority vote—even in a church conference.

This piece may not be in today's fashion—but no set of parliamentary rules, church or otherwise, can rub out the memory of tobacco-smoking bishops and preachers in a Methodist home. In the absence of any constitutional grounds for objecting to that San Francisco balloting the fragrant minority have no choice but to reflect that it's every man for himself.

Gross' Word Doesn't Make Anyone Guilty

New York, May 10 (AP)—The Brooklyn prosecutor who broke up Harry Gross' bookmaking empire says the "mere naming" of high police by the gambler does not warrant a criminal indictment.

Brooklyn Dist. Atty. Miles F. MacDonald, angered by Gross' suggestion that some bribe-takers on the force were allowed to escape prosecution, adds that a Brooklyn grand jury indicted everyone against whom it thought it had a case.

Gross and MacDonald engaged in their verbal exchange yesterday as the 46-year-old bookie wound up 2 1/2 days of sensational testimony at the departmental trial of five policemen. The trial was adjourned over the weekend.

The five are charged with sharing in the million-dollar-a-year graft Gross claims he paid police for protection of his 20-million-a-year gambling business.

Lt. Thomas E. Evans, 44, one of the defendants, was called to the witness stand in his own defense when the city rested after Gross' testimony. Evans denied ever taking graft from Gross, or even knowing the bookie.

But the bookie's testimony that he bribed top police aids of former Mayor William O'Dwyer and that they were not prosecuted overshadowed the proceedings against the five defendants.

Congressmen Resent Handling of Steel Crisis

Washington, May 10 (AP)—Congressional resentment over government handling of the steel wage-price crisis simmered today but there were no immediate indications that lawmakers planned to do anything about it.

On the steel front itself, industry, government, and the C I O Steelworkers Union were to file briefs with the Supreme Court today in connection with the legality of President Truman's seizure of the steel industry. Arguments are scheduled for Monday.

Two House committees looking into the steel matter recessed their investigations yesterday on an angry but inconclusive note.

The House Armed Services Committee left the fate of an anti-strike receivership bill up in the air, with Rep. Kilday of Texas, a senior Democratic member, accusing the Truman administration of staging a "sitdown" strike against the bill by declining to furnish witnesses from the Labor and Justice Departments.

The House Labor Committee released Nathan P. Feinsinger, chairman of the embattled Wage Stabilization Board (WSB)—which one legislator said was stacked in favor of labor—after three consecutive days of a grilling examination on the board's controversial recommendation for a 26-cent-an-hour wage increase package and the union ship. The group calls in industry members of the board starting Monday. The first witness is expected to be George Armstrong, president of the Texas Steel Company of Fort Worth.

While Congress continued to raise dust over the WSB's steel ruling and its historic aftermath, there were new developments in the steel and related labor picture:

Allied Patrols Barred From Berlin by Reds

Berlin, May 10 (AP)—Russian guards barred regular Allied military patrols today from the 110-mile autobahn carrying Allied traffic through the Soviet zone of Germany between Berlin and the Allied zones.

Regular truck and private vehicle traffic continued to roll ahead as usual, with only the normal stack-up of trucks at each entry where fussy Soviet guards check their papers and cargoes.

Border guards at Helmstedt, at the British zone end of the superhighway, and at Babelsberg, on the Soviet end, abruptly turned back the patrols after checking their papers.

The stiff-faced guards gave no reason for their action.

"They didn't tell us our documents were not in order," said one of the soldiers who was turned back. He said the Russians did not display a "tough" attitude, but merely handed back the papers and refused entry.

The Americans and British maintain the military patrols along this sole highway link between Berlin and the West as a courtesy aid to motorists in trouble and to keep them on the right road.

The case of Mrs. Hattie Hearne vs. the Administrator of the Estate of Frank Hearne, deceased, was settled Friday by agreement of the parties a few minutes after the matter went to trial before the Hempstead Probate Court.

Details of the settlement were not immediately available. However Judge James H. Pilkinton, who was presiding at the time, said that the settlement was reached by the attorneys and parties on their own motion and, in effect, awarded Mrs. Hattie Hearne what the law allowed her as widow of the Frank Hearne estate, but nothing from the property of the Fay Hearne estate.

In other matters before it, the Court authorized the sale of the Joe Monroe home at Washington in connection with the administration of the estate of Mrs. Joe Monroe, deceased, and approved certain claims pending in that estate.

Spring Hill PTA Plans Stunt Night

The Spring Hill PTA will sponsor a Stunt Night at its regular meeting Monday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. Each class will contribute to the program.

This is a free program, the public is cordially invited. Announced Carlton E. Haeley, Principal.

Zoo Man Amazed, Delighted to Get Huge Alligator

Raymond Gray, zoo man, was amazed and delighted here yesterday when he discovered the alligator which he had come to Hope to take back to Little Rock, was a 12 and a half foot monster.

In fact, Gray said there were very few that large in captivity. He guessed the alligator, probably just out of hibernation, weighed between 400 and 600 pounds and was anywhere from 30 to 75 years old.

Thinking it was only a small gator the zoo men brought a small cage and it took some doing to get it in the wooden box. It required more than a dozen men to load the well-filled cage.

The gator was captured near Yellow Creek by a group of men headed by Ed Jackson. The zoo keeper was very delighted to get one so large.

Illinois Papers Resume Publication

Rockford, Ill., May 10 (AP)—Publication of the Rockford newspapers resumed today after settlement of a six-week walkout by the AFL International Typographical Union.

Local 214 of the ITU last night ratified an agreement with the Rockford (Consolidated) Newspapers, Inc., which publishes the Morning Star and the afternoon Register-Republic.

The new contract states, in part: "The office agrees that the operation of teletypesetter, tape perforator, and recutter units shall be recognized to be within the jurisdiction of the union."

"(A) It is agreed that in the production of the employer's newspaper, only manual operation of typesetting keyboards shall be employed."

"(I) Provided that purely daily news matter transmitted by wire services which are unrelated to any expressions of opinion by any special writers, columnists or others, or to any other subject, story, won't's page, special feature, or similar matter may be produced by automatic keyboard teletype device. The use of a byline does not necessarily include an item in the above description enclosed in parenthesis."

"(2) And further provided that automatic keyboard operation by teletype device may be used otherwise only on teletype tape produced by employees in each composing room covered by the provisions of this contract."

"(B) The use of teletypesetter methods and equipment shall not serve to reduce the complement of composing room employees, it being one of the intents and purposes of this agreement to prevent displacement of composing room employees by contacting for composition or tape perforated outside the publisher's composing room."

C of C Drive for New Members to Start May 12

Hope Chamber of Commerce Membership drive will get underway Monday May 12, according to Jewel Moore Jr. chairman of the membership committee. The "hard driving" crew met in the Chamber of Commerce office Friday and outlined final plans for the drive. Ray Turner, Aaron Tollett, Andy Andrews, and Ray Luck serve on the committee with chairman Moore.

According to the committee members the membership of the Hope Chamber of Commerce should be increased by one hundred members this year. The members now number approximately 175 business and industrial establishments in Hope.

Many people seem to be concerned about the progress of Hope and are willing to work for its improvement. It is believed by this committee that if a greater number of our people will join forces with the Chamber of Commerce a great deal more can be accomplished for Hope.

If you are not already a member join the Hope Chamber of Commerce now. You need it and it needs you.

R. H. Tunstall, 64, Ginner, Farmer, Succumbs Here

R. H. Tunstall, aged 64, retired farmer and ginner, died Friday night in a Hope hospital.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Donald, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Reeves of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Ray George of Bloomington, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Herndon-Cornelius Funeral Home. Burial will be at Macedonia, near Hope.

Active pallbearers: Ernest May, Earl Ellis, Eldridge Formby, Herbert Griffin, Marjorie Hubbard and C. Cook.



CHOW TIME — Terry Rapacz, 9, Minneapolis, feeds one of the six baby squirrels found in a tree nest with their dead mother. They will be fed milk from baby bottles until they are old enough to fare for themselves and then turned loose. (NEA Telephoto)

No Business Bust Seen in Taper Period

Hot Springs, Va., May 10 (AP)—Leading industrialists, meeting here to advise Secretary of Commerce Sawyer on economic policy, foresee no business bust ahead as the country tapers off its mobilization.

Most of Sawyer's Business Advisory Council, meeting with the secretary in closed session at the Homestead Hotel yesterday, urged abandonment of price and wage controls on June 30.

Sawyer told reporters the business found customers wary, production capacity greatly expanded, the buyers' market reviving, and sales competition taking in case of most prices.

Without exception, the corporation head disagreed with some recent predictions that the economy will go into a decline when defense spending, expected to go as high as \$8 billion dollars annually in the next two years, is cut back.

"None of the council members are fearful for the economy," Sawyer said. "All believe we'll work out of our present problems."

Most members, it was learned, are convinced that defense spending will continue at high level somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5 billion dollars a year—through 1955 and for several years at least thereafter.

RED BOTANIST DIES

Moscow, May 10 (AP)—The death of Nikolai Maksimov, a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and a leading botanist, was reported today. He was employed in the Timiryazev Institute of Plant Physiology.

CASUALTIES IDENTIFIED

Washington, May 10 (AP)—The Defense Department today identified 147 more battle casualties in Korea. A new list reported 29 killed, 112 wounded, one missing in action and five injured.

The Hunting Season Is on in New York's Central Park, a Good Place to Study Birds

By JOE LANG For HAL BOYLE

New York, May 10 (AP)—The hunting season is on in Central Park. This morning and every morning during the annual bird migration time, scores of enthusiasts, armed with binoculars and identification books, prowled the glades of this 852-acre, 800,000,000 bird sanctuary to add new species to their annual lists.

The hunting hasn't been very good. Although the trees are leaved out early making observation difficult, the migration has been late. The big wave of warblers, due May 10, may not be along for several days.

The bird watchers form a kind of fraternity. They concentrate in the ramble, a brushy area near the American Museum of Natural History, and exchange the password, "seen anything good?" as they meet from time to time.

One woman who answered "yes," a Cape May warbler, down that way," was nearly trampled in the rush before she got the words out of her mouth. Cape May warblers are uncommon and not to be missed.

People not in the know think the watchers a little crazy, one of them confessed, although an officer once thought of running a watcher up as a peeping tom.

Laborites Hail Ballot Victory

London, May 10 (AP)—With the final votes still to be cast today in week long municipal elections, the Labor party already was claiming it has won its biggest local elections victory over Prime Minister Churchill's Conservatives since the war.

The Laborites led the Conservatives two to one in picking up new members in the nation's 1,410 local councils. Balloting more than two-thirds complete showed a labor gain of 837 seats and a conservative net loss of 530. Independents, most of whom take a conservative line, also lost heavily.

Churchill's party maintained its hold over a majority of the councils because only one-third of the seats were up for a vote this year.

Although the municipal elections have no direct bearing on the government's term of office they are a sensitive barometer of political sentiment. Previous Conservative victories in local elections foreshadowed the party's gains in 1950 and 1951 general elections.

The Labor party said the current Conservative defeat was notice to Churchill to quit. He has replied that he will stay on the job, backed by a slim 10-seat majority in the House of Commons.

The latest incomplete results, showed:

Laborites gained 833 seats and lost 464 net gain 37.

Conservatives gained 111, lost 641 net loss 530.

Independents gained 39 lost 308 net loss 269.

Liberals gained 15, lost 37 net loss 22.

The Communists failed to gain any seats.

Order Issued to Conserve Gas Supplies

Denver, May 10 (AP)—A government order reserving supplies of motor gasoline to maintain essential transportation went into effect today in 32 eastern and midwestern states and the District of Columbia.

The order, issued by the Petroleum Administration for Defense (PAD), concerns operators of bulk gasoline plants, terminals and large filling stations.

About one-half of all service stations in the area, stretching from the Atlantic seaboard to Kansas and Oklahoma, will be involved, the PAD estimated.

That was the latest step resulting from the 11-day-old strike of refinery and pipeline workers in the oil industry.

Previously, steps had been taken to cut down on use of high-octane aviation gasoline in commercial, private, and military fields.

The new PAD order, which went into effect at 3:01 a. m., EST, today, holds that supplies may not drop below "3,000 barrels of motor fuel or a quantity equal to 5 per cent of . . . total storage capacity, whichever amount is smaller."

The 3,000-barrel inventory requirement for bulk plant and terminal operators is equivalent to 120,000 gallons, on the basis of 42 gallons to the barrel.

Local shortages seem most likely in eastern and central states because of difficulties in transporting products to the point of need, the PAD stated.

Two See More Slashes in Aid Funds

Washington, May 10 (AP)—Taking issue with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, two Democratic senators said today President Truman's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid program could be cut by two billion dollars without endangering the military build-up abroad.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana and Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia thus sided with Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, a candidate—as is Eisenhower—for the Republican presidential nomination.

Taft has said "I do not at all agree" with Eisenhower's statement that any cut materially greater than one billion dollars "might endanger the proposed military build-up now visualized."

The sharp split in viewpoints between Taft and Eisenhower, leading Republican contenders for the nomination, indicated foreign aid spending would become a major campaign issue.

Commenting on the political aspects of the Taft-Eisenhower statements, Ellender said he believes Taft "tends to benefit politically much more than Eisenhower in this exchange of views on foreign aid spending." He added:

"On the basis of my mail and the talk I've heard, the overwhelming majority of the people are in favor of trimming this program as deeply as we possibly can. I think most people like Taft's position better than Eisenhower's."

Eisenhower, soon-to-retire European defense commander, set forth his views in a message Thursday to Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

That committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee have voted to slice one billion dollars off the administration program.

Eisenhower said reduction "of order of a billion dollars would be heavily and seriously felt" and that any cut at all would "tend to curtail or retard the build-up of forces."

11 Hope Men on Gulf Fishing Trip

Eleven Hope men were to leave at 1 p.m. today for a four-day fishing excursion in the Gulf of Mexico off Bayou La Batre, Ala. Traveling by car they will spend Saturday night in Jackson, Miss., and will go aboard ship late Sunday afternoon. They will return to Hope next Friday, May 16.

In the party are: Lloyd Spencer, Mylre Brown, Arch Wyle, A. S. Williams, Earl O'Neal, Jim Wilson, Vincent Foster, Leo Robins, and B. R. Hamm, all of Hope, and Wilson Green of Houston, Texas, and Burkett Williams of Cleveland, Ohio.

The nice thing about the park, from a bird watcher's viewpoint, is that birds seen there are all on the move. They drop in at night as at an oasis in a bleak wilderness, but find next day it is no place to settle down. So they move on promptly, and their passage can thus be checked accurately.

J. T. Nichols of the American Museum, who has been watching birds in the park since he was a kid in the 90's, doesn't think the hunting as good as it used to be. On the other hand Geoffrey Carleton, author of "Birds of Central Park" calls it one of the best bird watching places in 50 miles.

It's good enough anyway to attract every morning and every lunch hour hundreds of amateur and professional bird hobbyists, all hoping for the big day when they can hang up a stupendous record of the number of birds seen or, better still, spot some strange bird that, like many a New Yorker, has found himself where he didn't expect to be.

Red Prisoners Release Dodd Unharmed



PRISONER OF POW'S — Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, commander of the riot-torn Koje Island war prison camp, held as a hostage by 6,000 Red inmates. He has been released unharmed. (NEA Telephoto)

'Massacre' of Prisoners Is Denied

Munsan, Korea, May 10 (AP)—The United Nations Command today flatly rejected a Red accusation that the Allies plan a "massacre" of Red prisoners on Koje Island to rescue Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, a hostage of the prisoners.

In Tokyo the supreme U. N. commander, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, angrily told a news conference the kidnapping "is a situation of the Communists' own creation."

There is no telling to what extent they will build up this incident and "it may very well affect the Korean truce talks."

In the Panmunjom truce session, North Korean Gen. Nam Il, chief Red delegate, referred to two Red inspired plots at Koje previously and declared "yet another massacre will be carried out against the unharmed captured personnel of our side. This is not to be tolerated."

Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, senior U. N. Command delegate, replied: "The U. N. Command has always attempted to exercise humane methods. . . . Some of these captured personnel have taken advantage of these humane policies, have instigated riots and violence among themselves and now have seized the camp commander whom they are holding hostage. The U. N. Command will take whatever measures are necessary to eliminate this intolerable situation and restore control over prisoner of war compounds."

Only one minute of the 12-minute session Saturday was devoted to actual peace talks, lightly decked over the issue of prisoner repatriation. No progress was reported but another meeting was scheduled for Sunday at 11 a. m. (10 a. m., Saturday, EST).

District Legion Meet Scheduled Here Monday

A district meeting of the American Legion will be held here Monday, May 12 at 8:45 p.m. at Hotel Barlow with B. A. Quillen, district commander in charge.

State Commander Andrew McCurry and state adjutant Bert Freeman and other officials will be present. Every spot in the district will send representatives.

Local legion members planning to attend should contact Fred Robertson or Harry Hawthorne for dinner tickets which are \$1.50 each.

VFW Delays Paper Drive

The VFW will not hold its monthly paper drive scheduled for this Sunday, due to Mother's Day. The drive is rescheduled for May 19.

WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas—cloudy, cooler today tonight. Local thunderstorms over south today. Sunday, partly cloudy warmer in afternoon.

Temperature
High 91 Low 51
Rainfall .87

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Musical Medley

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Solar disk
- 2 Musical instrument
- 3 Solitary
- 4 Greek letters
- 5 Surgical saw
- 6 Ocean vessels
- 7 Male child
- 8 Lashed
- 9 City in The Netherlands
- 10 Steel punch
- 11 Soviet nation
- 12 Asiatic country
- 13 Adriatic wind
- 14 Blue Eagle
- 15 Agency (ab.)
- 16 Aperture
- 17 Grandparent's machine
- 18 Shoshonean Indians
- 19 Steering devices
- 20 Most refined
- 21 Plots
- 22 Manuscripts
- 23 Pertaining to wheels
- 24 Arizona (ab.)
- 25 Click beetle
- 26 Beasts of burden
- 27 Exceedingly corrupt
- 28 Lover of cruelty
- 29 Sleeping vision
- 30 Interprets

VERTICAL

- 1 Orchestra
- 2 Nested boxes

Answer to Previous Puzzle

1 SOLAR DISK
2 MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
3 SOLITARY
4 GREEK LETTERS
5 SURGICAL SAW
6 OCEAN VESSELS
7 MALE CHILD
8 LASHED
9 CITY IN THE NETHERLANDS
10 STEEL PUNCH
11 SOVIET NATION
12 ASIATIC COUNTRY
13 ADRIATIC WIND
14 BLUE EAGLE
15 AGENCY (AB.)
16 APERTURE
17 GRANDPARENT'S MACHINE
18 SHOSHONEAN INDIANS
19 STEERING DEVICES
20 MOST REFINED
21 PLOTS
22 MANUSCRIPTS
23 PERTAINING TO WHEELS
24 ARIZONA (AB.)
25 CLICK BEETLE
26 BEASTS OF BURDEN
27 EXCEEDINGLY CORRUPT
28 LOVER OF CRUELTY
29 SLEEPING VISION
30 INTERPRETS
31 ORCHESTRA
32 NESTED BOXES



